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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALDAB, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GORCH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, BEERY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL DRACON & Co., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 138, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BLAIR & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA.—SWATOW, QUELON & CAMPBELL, Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Foochow, HENDER & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALKER, Manila, C. HENNING & Co., Macao, L. A. DA GRAÇA.

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 500,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—H. HOPKINS, Esq.
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W. E. FORBES, Esq. ED. TOBIN, Esq.
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CHIEF MANAGERS.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager.
Shanghai, EWMY CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, March 29, 1876.

Intimations.



TENDERS for SAWING TIMBER will be received by the Undersigned until Noon on MONDAY, the 16th Instant. Further Particulars may be obtained on Application.

JOHN BRENNER, Naval Storekeeper.

H. M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, April 9, 1877. ap16

NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Office of the FOREIGN INSPECTORATE OF CUSTOMS has This Day been OPENED at the Port of PAKHOI.

E. McKEAN, Commissioner of Customs.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, Pakhoi, April 2nd, 1877. ap15

PACIFIC MAIL S. S. COMPANY.

ON SATURDAY, the 7th Instant, the COMPANY'S OFFICES will be REMOVED to our Premises No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 5, 1877. ap12

G. O. ROGERS, DENTAL SURGEON, No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD, begs to inform his Friends that he intends being ABSENT from HONGKONG for Six or Eight Weeks, leaving early in April.

Hongkong, March 12, 1877.

KWONG HING CHEUNG & Co., COAL MERCHANTS, Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices. Mr. ARYON has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 57, Praya, or to Mr. FAT JACK, at 30, Ring Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.

Hongkong, March 18, 1877. m219

Intimations.

THE MEDICAL HALL.

37, Queen's Road, Hongkong. ESTABLISHED 1853. TH. KOFFER, Proprietor. Hongkong, April 23, 1876. ap28

HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS, 38, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHRONOMETERS,

&c., &c., &c.,

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch. Hongkong, May 1, 1876. m

NOTICE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been Appointed SOLE AGENTS for

China and Japan, for

JOSEPH STARKER, LONDON,

Manufacturer of GOLD and SILVER LACES, Embroidery, &c., and Military and Naval Appointments of every Description.

A Stock of these Goods will be kept on hand, for the Regiments stationed here, as well as for the ENGLISH and AMERICAN NAVIES. Hongkong, March 14, 1877. ap14

NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE Co.

THE BUSINESS of this COMPANY has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE Co., of 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors, WILLIAM HUNT, Secretary.

137, Leadenhall Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE Co.

20, Old Broad Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

ESTABLISHED 1836.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000 STERLING. RESERVE FUND, £340,000.

WITH Reference to the foregoing Advertisement THE MARINE INSURANCE Co. has This Day taken over the Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT Co., and has Appointed Mr. A. McIVER as its AGENT in HONGKONG.

By Order of the Board of Directors, ROBERT J. LODGE, Manager.

THE Undersigned is prepared to Accept Risks and issue Policies on behalf of the MARINE INSURANCE Co. by any First Class Steamer.

A. McIVER, Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of London.

Hongkong, February 16, 1877. an17

Now Ready.

"THE CHINA REVIEW"

No. 4, Vol. V.

Annual Subscription, Six Dollars and a Half.

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Chinese Dentistry.

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A Legend of the Peking Bell-Tower.

A Chinese Hornbook.

The Law of Inheritance.

A Chinese Dictionary in the Cantonese Dialect.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries.

A Chinese Dictionary in the Cantonese Dialect.

"Watching Spirits."

Chinese Folk-lore.

Yin and Yang, according to Aristotle.

Pidgin English.

Goethe's "Werther" in China.

Chinese Music.

White Ants.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office, Hongkong, March 25, 1877.

Intimations.

BILLIARDS—BILLIARDS.

MONS. CARME will give a Second Series of Exhibitions of his Skill in the GAME OF BILLIARDS at the HONGKONG HOTEL on THURSDAY, 12th, FRIDAY, 13th, and SATURDAY, 14th. Commencing on each Evening at 9 o'clock.

Admission:—ONE DOLLAR.

M. CARME will play Two Gentlemen on each Evening, 400 points up with each, and will give a Cup to the Gentleman who makes the highest Score of the Six during these Games.

Hongkong, April 10, 1877. ap15

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. STOUT intends visiting JAPAN shortly, and would be glad if those who wish to Consult him professionally would make an appointment for an Early Day.

MOVES FOR CONSULTATION: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

No. 1, Alexandra Terrace, Hongkong, April 4, 1877.

TO THE MERCANTILE COMMUNITY OF HONGKONG.

GENTLEMEN.—We have always been of opinion that to conduct business properly and amicably a regular system should be established whereby goods can be paid for by an acknowledged rule fair to everybody. You are no doubt aware that for years past the dollar question has been a very troublesome one. Dollars are imported into the Colony from various sources and of various standards. The Government of Hongkong, in conjunction with the High Officers of Canton, have issued notices ordering Chinese to receive the American and the Mexican dollars in payment for goods irrespective of weight; they are accordingly used here without any difficulty, but the Chinese Merchants of other Ports come here, and they will only pay for their goods in dollars at current rate, or by weight. We sometimes offer dollars, in payment of business transactions, to foreign firms, but although good, they are declined. Traders from other parts are kept away from doing business in the Colony on this account; hence the great dulness of trade at present. With a proper system of dealing in the trade, which is daily dwindling down, will speedily revive. We ask you, Gentlemen, to consider the matter and call a meeting to devise some settlement of this question, whereby both Foreign and Chinese Merchants will be on the same footing. Dollars of all descriptions, unless spurious, can be used here, if by weight; it does not matter if they are old or new to us; "weight" seems the fairest and simplest plan. We beg, Gentlemen, to ask your advice on the matter, and ask you to settle this question at once and for good, and offer you every assistance we can give you on our part in discussing the matter as publicly as possible.

FROM THE CHINESE COMMUNITY OF HONGKONG.

Hongkong, April 5, 1877. ap12

NOTICE.

NEITHER CAPTAIN FORBES nor the AGENTS or OWNERS of the American Barque "GARIBOLDI" will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by the Crew.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 23, 1877.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY, the 12th April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m.,—

ON THE SPOT

(Unless previously disposed of by Private Sale),

That Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situate in Queen's Road East, Registered in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 54, comprising 10,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 100 feet, and from East to West 100 feet, with a substantial Brick Dwelling House and Out-houses built thereon, known as "Carlton House," Annual Crown Rent, \$131.40.

And,

That Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situate in Queen's Road East, Registered in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 768, comprising 6,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 180 feet, and from East to West 40 feet, with a substantial Brick Godown built thereon.

And,

That Piece or Unbuilt Levelled GROUND, attached to the above Lot, and Registered in Land Office as same Inland Lot No. 768, comprising 6,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 180 feet, and from East to West 40 feet, with a substantial Brick Godown built thereon.

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Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya Central, on

FRIDAY,

the 13th April, 1877, at Noon,—

Electro-plated Ware, Crust Stands, Tea Sets, Butter Dishes, Sardine Boxes, &c. Table Cutlery, Toys, Daggers, Silk Umbrellas, Money Bags, Cotton Socks, Perfumery, &c.

Also,

6 dozen Bottles Quina Laroche.

40 boxes Pâte Zed.

An Invoice of Paints, comprising: White Lead, White Zinc, Black and Red Paint.

Rose and Cut Nails, 1 inch to 3½ inch.

And,

4 pieces Machinery, consisting of Dock-key Engine, Cylinder, Pump, &c.

3 packages Yellow Metal Sheathing.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, April 10, 1877. ap13

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. DALTON SAYLE was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 31st of July, 1876.

SAYLE & Co.

Hongkong, March 16, 1877. ap16

NOTICE.

MR. HENRY L. DENNY will act as SECRETARY, LIBRARIAN, and CURATOR of the CITY HALL from and after the 11th Instant.

By Order of the Committee, N. B. DENNY, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 10, 1877. ap24

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Established a Branch of our Firm at SHANGHAI under the Management of Mr. ALFRED F. O. KRAUSS, who will sign for us by Procuration.

CARLOWITZ & Co.

Canton and Hongkong, April 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct the BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. E. CAIRNS, Surveyor to Local Offices, and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, March 17, 1877. ap18

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

NOTICE.

DURING the Temporary Absence of the Undersigned, Mr. EDWARD MOORE will act as Secretary of the Society in Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors, N. J. EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 2, 1877. ap17

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.

WM. ORUICKSHANK, Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

To Let.

TO LET.

N. O. 3, PEGHIA TERRACE, ELGIN STREET, with Immediate Possession.

Apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, February 7, 1877.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 7, CALS ROAD, lately occupied by Mr. PARKER.

House No. 10, Albany Road, at present occupied by the Rev. R. H. RYAN.

Bianco Villa, Pok-fo-jum, Furnished.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, February 18, 1877.

TO LET.

THE Upper Portion of Nos. 42 and 44, Queen's Road.

The Dwelling Houses No. 2, Gough Street.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 17, 1876.

TO BE LET.

THE PREMISES No. 38, Queen's Road, at present in the occupation of the Borneo Company.

TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

THE IRON SCREW STEAMER "ALBAY."

THE above Steamer was Built in Glasgow in 1872 by Messrs DOBBIE & Co., under special survey of LLOYD'S, and Her MACHINERY and BOILER were made by Messrs JAMES BOWDEN & Co., under special inspection. She was constructed to carry a large Cargo on a light draft of water and is well adapted for the Philippine, China, or Japan trade. She underwent general Repairs in 1875, when New SAILS, RIGGING, and a complete outfit were supplied by the HONGKONG and WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, and in March of the present year her Engines and Boiler were thoroughly overhauled.

DIMENSIONS.—Length between Perpendiculars, 170 feet. Beam, 26 feet 3 inches. Depth of Hold from Ceiling to Main Deck, 9 feet 5 inches. Height from Main Deck to under side of Awning Deck, 7 feet 4 inches.

GROSS TONNAGE.—560 Tons.

CLASS.—Built to Class 100 A at Lloyd's.

RIG.—Brig Rigger.

CARGO CAPACITY.—About 9,000 piculs, or 625 tons Measurement (40 feet.)

DRAFT.—Light 9 feet; Loaded 12½ feet.

SPEED.—Eight knots on consumption of 8½ to 9 tons of coals per 24 hours.

BUNKER CAPACITY.—75 tons coals.

CABIN.—Under Awning Deck aft; saloon, pantry and five state rooms, with accommodation for 12 first-class passengers.

MACHINERY.

ENGINE.—A pair of Howden's patent High and Low Pressure Engines of 80 Horse Power nominal; High Pressure Cylinder 25 inches, and Low Pressure Cylinder 45 inches in diameter; Stroke 30 inches.

PROPELLER.—Bessemer Steel of 4 Blades, with One Spare Set of Blades.

WINCH.—One Steam Winch with Donkey Boiler on Deck.

BOILER.—One Horizontal Tubular Boiler 11 feet diameter, with 3 Furnaces, tested for a working pressure of 60 pounds.

MORRIS & RAY.

Notices to Consignees.

PACIFIC MAIL S. S. COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per S. S. CITY OF TOKIO, are hereby notified that all Cargo impeding delivery is being landed and stored in the Company's Godowns at Praya Central and West Point at their risk and expense.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 9, 1877. ap12

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. LOMBARDY.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the PESHAWUR and MIRZAPUR from London, and AUSTRALIA from Calcutta, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, where delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 16th instant will be subject to rent.

ADAM LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 9, 1877. ap16

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. IBAOUADY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Copernic, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 11 o'clock To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Tuesday, the 10th inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, April 5, 1877.

HONG LISTS.

Circular, large sheet.

THE AMENDED HONG LIST in English and Chinese, containing the Names of all the most important Companies, Institutions and Mercantile Houses in the Colony.

Price, 25 cents each; or \$2.50 per dozen.

At the "China Mail" Office.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALDEN BESS, American barque, Captain S. Noyes.—Rosario & Co.

MYSTIC BELLE, American ship, Captain David Plummer.—Stimensen & Co.

ROSINA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

ECHO, British barque, Capt. George W. Tozer.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

WINDMILLER, British ship, Capt. Mann.—Mayer & Co.

IRIS, Dutch schooner, Captain J. Werferveld.—Order.

ROSETTA McNEIL, American barque, Captain Brown.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

ABONAUT, British ship, Captain John Anderson.—Meyer & Co.

NYASSA, British ship, Captain W. S. Garriock.—Douglas LaPraik & Co.

CORINNE, British Barque, Captain Wm. Robertson.—Wieler & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY, TAIWANFOO & TAMSUI.

The Steamship "HAILONG."

Captain Abbott, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 14th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877. ap14

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.

The Steamship "NAMOA."

Capt. Wagoner, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 15th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877. ap16

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TANAIH."

Comdt. REYNES, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.

The Company's Steamship "RINDEH."

Comdt. Lohmeyer, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUER,

ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES,

AND MARSEILLES;

BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND

PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 19th April, 1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S. DJEMNAH, Commandant GRAMPON, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIES, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping orders will be granted till noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 18th April, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877. ap19

FOR LONDON.

The 41 Clipper Ship "NYASSA."

GARRIOCK, Master, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to Wm. POSTAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HONGKONG CLUB will be held at the CLUB HOUSE on THURSDAY, the 19th inst., at Half-past Four o'clock in the Afternoon.

By Order, EDWARD BEART, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877. ap19

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Steamer "POWAN" will leave, for a short time, to run as a NIGHT BOAT to and from CANTON on and after MONDAY, the 16th instant, in order to have her new Machinery Fitted. Notice will be given when she is Ready to be again placed on the Line.

By Order, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877. ap15

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HANDSOME ENGLISH & VENETIAN-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OIL PAINTINGS, GLASS-WARE, PLATED-WARE, &c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from F. PELL, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, (previous to his departure for Shanghai), on

FRIDAY, the 27th day of April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Residence, No. 1, Praya East.—

The whole of his HANDSOME ENGLISH and VENETIAN-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—

English-made Suite of Furniture, Covered with Green Damask.

Venetian Inlaid Blackwood Table and Chairs, Blackwood Carved Side Table, Carpet, Hearthrugs, Rep Window Curtains, &c., &c.

Richly Carved Oak Sideboard, Richly Carved Oak-Framed Pier Glass and Flower Stands, Dining Table, Buffet, Whatnots, and Dinner Trays.

Oil Paintings, Oil Cloth, and Clocks.

Dinner and Dessert Sets, Glass-ware, Plated-ware, &c., &c.

Library Oak Book-case and Desks, Inlaid Blackwood Lady's Desk, Tables, Chairs, Easy Chairs, and Chess Table.

Brass Bedsteads, English-made Mahogany Marble-top Dressing Table and Washstand, Wardrobe, with Plate Glass Door, Cheval Glass, &c.

Gasaliers, Gas Brackets, Stair Carpet, with Brass Stair Rods, Marble-top Tables, Bronze Statuettes, &c.

Office Furniture, comprising:—Desks, Chairs, Paper Press, Copying Press, Fire-proof Safe, &c., &c.

One HOUSE BOAT and One SKIFF.

After which, at the Godown:—

10 TONS ARTIFICIAL MANURE.

1 SAW MILL, by FORREST & BARR, Engineers, Glasgow.

Also, 1 TURNING LATHE and various MACHINERY.

And, At the Yard of Messrs Ingalls & Co.:—

One 12-H.P. TWIN SCREW ENGINE.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Thursday, the 26th instant.

Terms of Sale.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1/2.

All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 11, 1877. ap27

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.—

Per NAMOA, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 14th inst.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.—

Per JAPAN and ARGYLE, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 17th inst.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet KHIVA, will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 12th instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 11th instant.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 12th instant.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents extra to Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only, addressed to the United Kingdom Via Brindisi or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, April 3, 1877. ap12

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet DJEMNAH, will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 19th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suva, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Assension.

Letters may also be forwarded to India by this Packet.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 18th inst.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 19th inst.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) except those to and through Australia may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, April 5, 1877. ap16

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 11, Nautilus, German gun vessel, 600, Valois, from Holbow.

April 11, Glenagair, British ship, 685, Finisterre, Newcastle (N.S.W.), Feb. 20, Coal.—Wm. POSTAU & Co.

April 11, Norvia, British steamer, 606, A. G. Walker, Swatow April 10, General.

—Kwok ACHONG.

April 11, 8.10 p.m., Cairnmuir, British steamer, 1123, S. Spowart, Saigon April 6, 11 p.m., Rio.—BOLLENDY, Yms & Co.

April 11, Ulysses, British steamer, 1800, J. W. Byrne, Singapore April 3, General.

—BURTSCHLIED & SWIRE.

DEPARTURES.

Apr. 11, Douglas, for Coast Ports.

11, Lombardy, for Shanghai.

11, Beghows, for Keelung.

11, Chinkiang, for Swatow.

Anna, for Quinhon.

McNear, for New York.

Alden Bess, for Portland (Oregon).

Olympia, for Holbow.

Brenna, for Halphong.

Kronprinzessin, for Whampoa.

Pato, for Vancouver's Island.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Norma, from Swatow, 100 Chinese.

Per Cairnmuir, from Saigon, 46 Chinese.

Per Ulysses, from Singapore, 19 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Douglas, for Swatow, Mr. H. A. Giles, for Amoy, Mr. and Mrs. Sifford, Mr. Oakley, and Sergt. Bourke; for Fochow, Capt. Troupe, Capt. Bald, Messrs Wood, Steigerwald, and Ottley.

Per Lombardy, for Shanghai, General and Miss Rabau, General Sir Henry Norman, Dr. B. Smith, Messrs Rathbone, Nicholson, Chadwick, Lambarde, Hassell, and Major Goff, Messrs Capel, Ashton, Mason, Mrs. Gibbon, and Mrs. Van Eas.

Per Chinkiang, for Swatow, 10 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per Alden Bess, for Portland (Oregon), 3 Europeans and 335 Chinese.

Per Olympia, for Holbow, 20 Chinese.

Per Brenna, for Halphong, 19 Chinese.

Per Pato, for Vancouver's Island, 4 Europeans.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British ship Glenagair reports:—

Fine weather throughout.

The British steamer Norma reports:—

Dense fog and light variable winds throughout.

The British steamer Cairnmuir reports:—

Experienced light S.W. winds and fine pleasant weather the whole passage.

The last 18 hours dense fog, 4 hours anchored off Gap Rock through the fog being so thick.

The British steamer Ulysses reports:—

During the early part of passage experienced strong S.W. winds with heavy head sea from Palo Sapote, light N.E. winds and very fine weather till our arrival off this port, when the weather became very foggy which obliged us to anchor off Waglan Island at 10.30 a.m. of the 10th inst.

At 10.20 a.m. on 11th inst. fog cleared away, got underway and steamed into wharf, 11.30 a.m. made fast to Company's Buoys.

CARGOS.

Per Khiva, for London, 621 bales Raw Silk, 10 bales Waste Silk, and 2 boxes Silk Piece Goods.

For Continent, 30 cases and 10 bales Raw Silk, 8 bales Waste Silk, and 5 bales Ponjees.

For Europe, 316 pkgs. Sundries.

For Boston, 128 boxes and 114 half-chests Tea.

For India, about 900 pkgs. Tea, and 400 pkgs. Silk.

Per S. S. Agamemnon, Hongkong to London, sailed 8th April, 1877.—14,470 lbs. Canton Congou, 9 pkgs. Silk Piece Goods, and 252 pkgs. Sundries.

Shipping Intelligence.

HOME SHIPPING.

The following is corrected from the latest London Papers:—

DEPARTURES.

Nov. 21, America, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Nov. 28, Western Chief, from London to Hongkong.

Nov. 28, Madura, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Nov. 28, Hannah Law, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Nov. 28, New Era, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Dec. 4, Sandlutha, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Dec. 17, A. E. Vidal, from Hamburg to Hongkong.

Dec. 17, Carricks, from London to Hongkong.

Dec. 19, Channel Queen, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Dec. 20, Chinaman, from London to Hongkong.

Dec. 22, Sophie, from New York to Hongkong.

Dec. 28, Ino, from Greenock to Swatow.

Dec. 28, John Nicholson, from New York to Shanghai.

Dec. 27, Undine, from London to Shanghai.

Dec. 29, Canaan, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Jan. 4, O. R. Bishop, from London to Hongkong.

Jan. 11, Windhover, from London to Shanghai.

Jan. 12, Woodhall, from Hamburg to Hongkong.

Jan. 12, Hope, from London to Hongkong.

Jan. 18, Gryte, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Jan. 18, Batavia, from Hamburg to Hongkong.

Jan. 31, Forward Ho, from London to Shanghai.

Feb. 1, Robert Henderson, from Buryport to Hongkong.

Feb. 3, Polynesia, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 3, Charliel, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 8, Daphne, from London to Hongkong.

Feb. 12, Leading Wind, from Antwerp to Hongkong.

Feb. 15, Bertha (str.), from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 17, Therese Behn, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 18, Matchless, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 18, Cactus O., from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 19, F. P. Lishfield, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 18, Malpu, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 20, Fenrich, from London to Hongkong.

Feb. 22, Kuld, from London to Hongkong.

Feb. 22, Osaka, from London to Hongkong.

Feb. 22, Belied Will, from London to Shanghai.

Feb. 24, Peronia (str.), from Hamburg to Shanghai.

Feb. 25, Argentine (str.), from London to China and Japan.

Feb. 26, Fleura Canada (str.), from London to Shanghai.

Feb. 27, Gold Hunter, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 28, Anohies (str.), from Liverpool to Shanghai.

Feb. 28, Glenearn (str.), from London to Shanghai, (left Singapore, 7th April).

Feb. 28, City of Aberdeen, from London to Shanghai.

Feb. 28, Thingvall (str.), from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 28, D. McE. Park, from Sunderland to Singapore and Hongkong.

March 1, Isles of the South, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

March 1, Brown Brothers, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.

At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal

pany, on the thirty-first December last, the Directors have the pleasure to state that the result of the business for the year 1876 is so far highly satisfactory.

From the Balance Sheet it will be seen that the amount standing at the credit of the Company, on 30th June last, was Tels 708,478.75, to which is added the surplus carried forward from the present Working Account, viz., Tels 347,965.42, making a total of Tels 1,056,444.17; dividends for the year 1876 having been paid amounting to Tels 768,461.31, Tels 456,361.31, he held to Tels 600,000.00, and Tels 102,459.66 placed to reserve, there remains in hand Tels 766,361.31, besides the paid-up Capital Tels 600,000.

The Directors have now to propose the payment of Dividends for the past year, and recommend that of the above balance of Tels 766,361.31, Tels 456,361.31, be held to Tels 600,000.00, and Tels 102,459.66 placed to reserve, there remains in hand Tels 766,361.31, besides the paid-up Capital Tels 600,000.

One-third to Shareholders generally.
One-third to Contributing Shareholders.
One-third placed to Reserve for final dividend.

A Committee, consisting of three members, has been appointed for the supervision of the affairs of the Company at the Hongkong Branch; Mr H. B. Gibb (Messrs Gibb, Livingston & Co.), Mr E. C. Smith (Messrs Turner & Co.), and Mr E. Tobin (Messrs Gilman & Co.) forming the present Committee.

In accordance with the provisions of the Deed of Settlement the term of office of the Directors Messrs E. H. Lavers, J. Hart, F. H. Ball, M. S. Gubbay, A. G. Wood, and H. Sutherland expires, but they offer themselves and are eligible for re-election.

Messrs W. H. Carter and J. G. Purdon are likewise candidates for election on the Court of Directors for the current year.

The Directors Messrs Rowley Miller and Peter Moleman retire, but are recommended by the Directors for re-election.

Police Intelligence.

(Before James Russell, Esq.)

April 11, 1877.

CANIBOROUS RIFLES.

Daniel Robinson, an African cook out of employ, and Henry Gibb, a West Indian seaman, were charged with fighting in Hollywood Road. The latter defendant said he was passing along and met the first defendant, who came up to bother him and knocked him down, and as he tried to bite the first defendant, the latter retaliated and bit him.—The 2nd defendant stated that the 1st defendant was drunk and jostled against him and abused him. Both then had a scuffle and fell together. The 1st defendant then bit him in the lip. A witness appeared for the 2nd defendant and proved that the 1st was the aggressor. He was consequently sent to one month's hard labour, while the 2nd was discharged.

UNLICENSED CARGO-BOATS.

Chung Ah-chong, a boatman, was charged with having no license for his cargo-boat, and was fined \$10, or 21 days' hard labour.

REDUCED TO A MERE-HILL.

Lui Ah-tin, master of the Chuen Cheong Loong piece goods shop, was charged at the Police Station yesterday by a woman named Kong Aye, the concubine of Lum Tak Wing, the late Government scavenger contractor, with having made an indecent assault on her. The complainant stated that she was living in Queen's Street. Yesterday afternoon, the defendant came to her house and asked for her husband. As her husband was unwell and was sleeping in the inner room, she told him that he was out. The defendant then demanded payment of \$100 and some money for clothing. The woman replied that she knew what the money was for, that it was for the Tak Wo shop and that it should be paid by her husband individually, and that the defendant would probably hear of his share of the dividend from the Supreme Court (her husband having been adjudged a bankrupt). The defendant replied that her husband had been cheating him. Some general abuse then ensued, when the complainant who had been cutting cloth, and had a pair of scissors in her hand, told the defendant to leave the house. The defendant then caught hold of her by the wrists and tried to force her down. She cried out and her husband emerged from the room with a knife in hand. The Police soon came and took the defendant into custody. At the Station she charged the defendant with an indecent assault, but at the Magistrate's today, she put it that there was nothing further than violence to her that she had to complain of. She had bitten the man on the arm. Mr D. E. Caldwell, who appeared for the defendant, did not cross-examine her at any length.—Her husband was also examined, and he said that after hearing the evidence, he did not believe that the defendant had any criminal intent, but he added that the defendant's brothers had been to him to ask that the case might be settled, and that he should not say anything about the charge. There were some things broken and he had forbidden to bring them up as evidence, but now the defendant had engaged a lawyer.

The Magistrate observed that the case resolved itself into one of a common assault.

Mr Caldwell urged that the assault was on the other side, as the defendant went there for a lawful purpose, and the woman attacked him with a pair of scissors. He was only defending himself by taking hold of her wrists, and in support of his contention, he said the defendant bore marks of cuts on his hand.

Mr Russell said the defendant was a trespasser from the moment he refused to leave when he was told to do so.

Mr Caldwell again urged that the pointing with a pair of scissors towards the defendant was in law an assault, but the Magistrate remarked that it would only be an assault when the instrument was within reach of the man. The defendant ought to have come away when he was told, and ought not to have quarrelled with a woman. He thought the justice of the case would be met by a fine of \$1.

ASSAULT.

Leong A Chai, a boatman, was charged by Tang A Sai, another boatman, for an assault. The defendant was a friend of his and he had obtained employment for him at Messrs Lammer's. This day he met the defendant in the street, who asked him why he should tell anybody that he had ob-

tained the employment for him. They then had a few words and the defendant bit him with a stone cutting his head.—Mr Francis J. Reynolds, a broker, witnessed the affair. He saw the defendant slap the complainant twice, when the latter kicked him and then walked away. The defendant threw two stones at him, the second one hit him and cut his head. One month's hard labour.

A MURDER.

Eight earth-coolies were brought up for assaulting a foreman coolie who was in charge of a gang of coolies filling in a swamp at 'Yow-mah-tee.' There were separate gangs employed on the work and there were altogether 800 or 900 men. Yesterday two coolies belonging to separate gangs got into a quarrel and a general melee ensued; the coolies fighting with poles and pick-axes. The riot was very threatening and several men were hurt. The case was remanded till today to see if quiet had been restored. Inspector Cameron reported that it had not; and that there was still apprehension of an outbreak again. The case was therefore again remanded till to-morrow.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr Justice Snowdon.)

11th April, 1877.

Poon Alum v. Uriarte, \$8.—This was a claim by a ship's scraper for scraping the bark of a *Nauvoo* some months back. The vessel having to leave about the time the summons was taken out the Captain applied for a postponement. Capt. Uriarte stated that he originally agreed with the plaintiff to have his vessel scraped, but the plaintiff not coming at the time mentioned and the Captain being in a hurry to get away, he was compelled to employ another man who did the work for the sum of \$8. As the plaintiff's evidence, as to what vessel he did scrape, was very conflicting, His Honor decided in the defendant's favor and gave judgment accordingly.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NOT SO DUSTY!

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, April 11, 1877.

SIR,—Perhaps the impracticability of sweeping the public thoroughfares in some quarter of this Colony at between the hours of 9 to 10 in the morning instead of at early break or sooner than the time referred to above, is passed unobserved by those whose duty is to have a sharp look-out upon the men engaged in this service public. I mention this as I am a constant eye-witness to such scenes in the commodious Road known as the "Lee Road" to the annoyance and disgust of myself and I presume of a very fair proportion of the Community who use this road for their morning descent into Queen's Road.

Cannot this nuisance be removed, or such instructions be issued to the Chinese sweepers for stopping in future the progress of their work upon the appearance of any passer who may require to move forward amongst them? I am sure that they were they to adhere to such a regulation "pro bono publico" the thanks of the community will be due to the competent reformers who they may be, and as to my concern I shall be happy to be relieved from the necessity of walking under a cloud of dust! Thanking you in advance for the insertion of the within in your to-night's issue.

I am, Yours obediently,
ONCE UNDER A CLOUD OF DUST!

CELEBRITIES AT HOME.

(World.)

THE REV. HENRY WARD BEECHER AT BROOKLYN.

It was in January 1864 that Oliver Wendell Holmes published in the *Atlantic Monthly* an account of Mr Beecher's visit to England during the previous autumn—a visit well remembered by many Englishmen and by most Americans, synchronizing as it did with the turn in the tide of English feeling towards the cause of American nationality and freedom. Mr Beecher, writes Dr Holmes, "is a strong healthy man in mind and body. His nerves have never been overtaxed with alcohol, his thinking marrow is not brown with tobacco-fumes, like a meerschaum; as are the brains of so many unfortunates Americans; he is the same man, warm-blooded, strong-fibred, brave-hearted, light-souled, clear-eyed creature that he was when the college-boys at Amherst acknowledged him as the chief among the football-kickers. He has the simple frankness of a man who feels himself to be perfectly sound in body, and moral structure; and his self-revelation is a thousand times nobler than the assumed impersonality which is a common trick with cunning speakers, who never forget their own interests."

Dr Holmes's description of thirteen years ago is as true to-day as it was then. Beecher's form is sturdier, his neck more firmly set, his hair grayer; but, notwithstanding the excitement of the Civil War and of the political struggles that followed it, the increasing labour of his church and its cognate mission works, and of late years the exceptional strain on nerve and brain, due to exceptional and unfortunately not serious causes, he stands as classic, as strong, as playful with children, as genial with friends, as quick in wit, and as powerful in speech at the age of sixty-four as he did at fifty-one. Mr Beecher has always given great care to what he characteristically styles "the running of his engine." His high colour and plethoric habit might be interpreted as the signs of a large appetite liberally indulged. As a fact, his diet is singularly abstemious. He drinks coffee at his seven-o'clock breakfast, eating but little cold water with his two-o'clock dinner, which is his heartiest meal; and a cup of tea at six o'clock. He does his work in the morning. After dinner he takes a short nap, then drives, walks, or reads the papers till tea-time. He retires early, sleeps soundly, and is up with the lark. He guards his feet from dampness, is careful about protecting himself from cold after the glow of public speaking, and generally takes much pains to prevent avoidable ailments. As a consequence he is rarely ill and has of recent years avoided the annual hay-fever, prevalent from the middle of August to the end of September, by spending the threatened season in the White Mountains. In the matter of mental he practices less self-restraint than in that of physical abstinence. He is an omnivorous reader; but he always reads with a purpose, and has a great power of intellectual and literary assimilation.

When he was in the West, Mr Beecher already kicking over the theological traces, in which he had been trained to work, was accustomed to make long journeys on horseback, preaching over a very wide circuit. Through the forests or over the prairies he went, reading the Bible, discarding commentaries upon it, and imagining that in an atmosphere as free from physical as social restraints he could discover a new meaning in the sacred book. He was brought into immediate contact with the roughest kind of characters, whom he found himself trying to win, not to a belief in any creed, but to a determination to "cease to do evil and learn to do well." This experience was followed by intimate association with men and life in a newly-settled country. He developed the keenest interest in agriculture and horticulture; he plunged with zeal into a course of reading on botany and the cultivation of the soil; fruits, flowers, trees, and all the operations connected with them, became familiar to him both in theory and practice. As for the more strictly intellectual pabulum of his mind, he had, before going West, been an ardent reader of Milton, Burke, Barrow, and other grand English prose-writers, whose influence his more discriminating enthusiasts are able to perceive in many of his forms of thought and speech.

When in 1847 he came East to Brooklyn (which is but a suburb of New York), he was suddenly thrown into an entirely new class of interests and associations. Born and educated in rural towns of New England, he had been familiar with the simple social forms of that part of the country, and with the literary and theological atmosphere of the university towns of the day; while his ten years' sojourn in the West had been decidedly a return to Nature. In New York he tasted for the first time the delights and excitements of life at the metropolitan focus of a continent. Slender as are the equipments of New York when compared with the hoarded treasures of European capitals, they were more than enough to fire and fascinate the imagination of Beecher. Engraving, painting, architecture, music, organ-building, politics, sanitary science, political economy, to each of these he devoted himself in succession. Thus in wide and various studies, in social relaxation, in wanderings among all kinds of people, into the haunts of book-buyers, artists, jewellers, manufacturers, among ships and shippers, passed the first ten years of his life in New York. Soon new schools of physical observation sprang up, and physical science consequently underwent important modifications. Mr Beecher sympathized warmly with the bold investigators of Nature's ways, and is a thankful recipient of the knowledge which the Darwin and Huxley and Tyndall are contributing, and the Spencers are elucidating and trying to formulate. The "law," he insists, is but the mode in which the "force" acts; and that which they call Nature or the Unknown, he calls God. He is in no degree troubled by the scientific rejection of the conventional interpretation of the Scriptures. A scientific student, and for the purposes of his only elaborate literary work, the *Life of Jesus*, the *Christ*, Mr Beecher has devoted considerable attention to the critical, historical, and geographical researches concerning the Holy Land and the Bible. His method is to take up several authors, one after another, especially original investigators, master the general effect of their views, and then to form his own. The effect of this voluminous reading is an incessant activity of mind and a remarkable originality in the discussion of old and new themes. New ways of looking at old things; new names for old doctrines and processes of moral experience; new light in many an ancient corner of darkness;—these make Beecher seem further in advance of his contemporaries than he really is. A man of orthodox beliefs mainly, able cordially to recognize the honesty of those whose creeds differ widely from his own, he has certainly succeeded in giving a novel, and even sensational, view of the aim of Christianity, which is, as he puts it, "perfect manhood." Naturally such a man dwells on evolution rather than on fall.

"What," it may be asked, "has all this to do with Beecher at home?" The only answer is that Beecher is Beecher everywhere. His public utterances are the direct outworking of his private life. His tastes are mirrored in his speech. His comfortable home on Columbia Heights in Brooklyn, overlooking the East River, New York, and the Bay, is well stored with the productions of art and literature. Fine paintings people the walls; engravings, from the Tondos and Morgans and other masters, hang framed about the rooms, or lie in his portfolios; bookshelves crowd the house, and books swarm. Elegant folios, with coloured plates of cathedrals and churches of the Old World; brilliant tomes of the birds of the New; Delphin Greek and Latin classics; the rare Elzevir Horaces or the exquisite Virgil of Didot; the old English dramatists, poets, theologians; books of science and of art; the physicists of the present day, and the psychological writers in even greater abundance,—all these are to be found in Beecher's library. At his Beekhill farm, on the Hudson River, about seventy miles from New York, one finds a simple frame-house, a century old in its main part, standing half way up a long smooth hill, commanding a beautiful view of the river, which is about two miles distant. The farm is in superb condition, drained and dressed and highly cultivated, with a nursery of evergreens and another of fruit-trees, a garden of vegetables, and a wilderness of flowers. His barn and stable are the pride of his heart; his Alderney cows and Morgan horses make his summer-life a rest and recreation. His tastes are strongly bucolic. He loves the soil, the flowers, the trees, the grains and grasses, the weeds and mosses, and his knowledge of them and their ways is both extensive and accurate.

It is unnecessary to dwell on his work in Plymouth Church with its 2500 members; its income of \$50,000 dollars or \$50,000 dollars; its mission schools and churches and lectures among the poor—being really the widest of about 15,000 souls who directly and indirectly depend on it for moral, and largely for social and physical, aid; or his lecture trips about the country in the American States, packed houses and hearty welcome awaiting him everywhere; or of his weekly newspaper, or his volumes of sermons, with which the New York press perpetually teases. His greatest power undoubtedly is as an orator; when he rises himself to capture an audience, he is in play, or in earnest, he does it. He is probably the most popular speaker in America. More than that, it is strictly correct to say that he is the man of widest personal influence in the United States. Not politically, or ecclesiastically, or theologically, or ecumenically; but generally, his will, his feeling, his thought, more than any other

can than any other man. Many could be named of greater special influence than he; none of such general power. His future fame will be largely as an apostle of common sense in religion. He is a man radical in theory, conservative in action. An early anti-slavery lecturer, he was never an unconditional abolitionist; he was for the education of the public conscience to a point logically leading to abolition. He was an earnest advocate of the Civil War for the Union, but also of the restoration of the South. He is an evolutionist, but not a materialist. He is a believer in new forms, but not a destroyer of the old. Thousands bless him for the light which he has flashed upon their perplexities. He is a man to arouse enthusiasm; his friends cling to him. He is generous to a fault. He is, in fine, one whose name, despite the cloud that has shadowed it, is a powerful and a representative one in American history.

TELEGRAPHY EXTRAORDINARY.

The *Boston Daily Globe* of February 18 published the following special despatch, which it received from Salem, eighteen miles distant, by telephone:—

Salem, Feb. 12, 10.55 p.m.
Professor A. Graham Bell, the inventor of that wonderful instrument the telephone, which has caused so much interest in the scientific world, and which is now becoming so popularly known, lectured on his invention at Lyceum Hall this evening. The lecture was one of a course of the Essex Institute, and about 500 persons were present. The lecture was very well received, and the frequent and long-continued applause showed that the audience appreciated fully the wonderful uses and the experiments made with the machine. Professor Bell briefly explained the construction of the instrument, and then sketched his studies of the system of transmitting sounds. He explained that it was his first attempt before an audience to try these different experiments. An intermittent current was first sent from Boston by Mr. Thomas A. Watson, Professor Bell's associate. This caused a noise very similar to a horn from the telephone. The Morse telegraph alphabet was then sent by musical sounds, and could be heard throughout the hall. The audience burst into loud applause at this experiment. A telephonic organ was then put into operation in Boston. "Should Auld Acquaintance be Forgotten," and "Yankee Doodle" were readily heard through the hall and heartily recognised. At this point Professor Bell then explained how he learnt to transmit the tones of the human voice, and paid a grateful tribute to Mr. Watson. Professor Bell asked Mr. Watson for a song, and "Auld Lang Syne" came from the mouthpiece of the instrument almost before his words were ended. Mr. Watson was then asked to make a speech to the audience. He expressed himself as having more confidence in the telephone than in his own voice. His speech was as follows:—"Ladies and Gentlemen,—It gives me great pleasure to be able to address you this evening, although I am in Boston and you in Salem. This could be heard 35 ft. distant—that is, all over the hall, and brought down the house with applause. A system of questioning was then carried on, and Mr. Watson was asked if he heard the applause. The answer was, "I was not listening; try again." The applause was given, and its receipt at once acknowledged in Boston. Coughing and singing were then heard, and a variety of questions were then asked from the Salem end, and among them "What news from the Electoral Commission?" followed by the distinct answer of "I don't know any." But the news came fleetingly along that the engineers of the Boston and Maine Railroad had struck. General Cogswell asked if trains were running; the answer was clear and distinct that they were not at 5.30 o'clock. Professor Bell introduced the Rev. E. C. Bolles, who said, "I shake hands with you cordially, in imagination, twenty miles away." The Rev. E. S. Atwood asked, "Does it rain?" "It does not in Boston," was Mr. Watson's answer. Professor Gage, the electrician, then spoke through the telephone, endeavoring to have his voice recognised. This could not be done, as Mr. Watson was not familiar with the voice. Mr. Shaje Zeava was recognised. Mr. Watson being perfectly familiar with his tones. One of the assistants in Boston then said that "Hold the Fort" would be sung in Boston, and the tune which followed was readily recognised. Professor Bell closed his lecture by briefly stating the practical uses to which he was confident the telephone could be applied. Hearty applause was afforded the lecturer as he finished, and people looked about the stage in large numbers to more closely examine the wonderful instrument that had placed them in audible communication with people nearly twenty miles away.

The following very interesting statement is from a private letter, dated Cairo, Feb. 17, received from Colonel Gordon:—"His Highness to-day has signed the Firman. He could not have given me greater powers. He has given me over the Sudan, in addition to the Province of the Equator and the littoral of the Red Sea, absolute authority over the finance, &c. I am astounded at the powers he has placed in my hands. With the Governor-Generalship of the Sudan it will be my fault if slavery does not cease; and if these vast countries are not open to the world. So there is an end of slavery in God will. For the whole secret of the matter lies in the government of the Sudan, and if the man who holds that government is against it, it must cease."

COMMERCIAL.

April 11.

Up to the latter part of the closing fortnight, the market for Bengal Opium has kept pretty steady, notwithstanding the receipt of a very full supply. But since the weather has been so noticeable in that for the unpropitious circumstances that only at the fifth sale of the current year new drug will be brought forward. In view of the present large stock of old drug and the quantity to come forward yet, as well as the larger quantity notified to be sold by the Government next year, the native dealers naturally feel but little temptation to speculate, whilst the importers the alternative of waiting until the market is more settled. Under such a state of things, the present lower quotation of \$57 1/2 for the drug explains itself.

The demand from the Coast ports for

Bengal cleared off the small quantity that was available on the date of the last review; consequently, though a full supply of the drug has been received, the rate has kept steady at \$57 1/2, with a fair local demand.

The receipts for the month, so far, show an aggregate of 3,542 chests against 8,006 chests for the corresponding date last year. During the fortnight some 800 chests have been taken by the local consumers, against 600 chests at the corresponding fortnight last year. This, with the exportations, leaves a stock computed at 3,500 chests, against 2,400 chests same time last year. Of this last quantity 600 chests were Bengal, of which kind the present stock consists of a similar quantity.

Messrs HEINEMANN & Co.'s Freight Circular, for the Month of Thursday, 12th April, says:—

The market has been very flat during the fortnight, but little business has been offering homeward or coastwise, and the settlements reported are unusually few.

Homewards, the small number of vessels available has tended to limit business, several orders for the P. & O. lines which were on this market, been executed in Singapore at low rates. From this and the Coast Ports there is hardly any enquiry for tonnage home, and rates, though nominally unchanged, are weak.

Coastwise, the most noticeable feature is the collapse in the rates for steamers from the West Ports, a charter being effected in Saigon to this port at 17 cents per picul. For small sailing vessels 15 cents per picul was offered to Amoy. From Bangkok, steamers are not in demand at the moment, and 25/80 cents per picul is offered for a large sailing vessel. For the Northern Ports small suitable ships are readily taken at late rates.

The American ship *Mary Goodell*, 761 tons, will load in the Philippines for the United States under charter effected at home. The German bark *Humboldt*, 881 tons, will return to the Philippines to load a cargo of timber for Tientsin under charter effected there.

The disengaged tonnage in port amounts to 7 vessels, registering 4,540 tons.

The following are the settlements:—British ship *Windermere*, 697, Iloilo to New York or Boston, private.

German bark *Elinda*, 555, Takao to Melbourne, £2 11s. 0d. per ton of 20 cwt, 26 days.

Russian bark *Rurik*, 880, hence to San Francisco, private.

British schooner *Uzblat*, 219, hence to Nicolajefsk, \$3,100 in full, 30 days.

British ship *Marquis of Argyle*, 800, hence to Batavia and Samarang, \$3,500 in full, 16 days.

German bark *Brema*, 880, hence to Haiphong and back, \$2,950 in full, 35 days.

German bark *Beethoven*, 820, Keelung to Hongkong, 2 trips, \$2 1/2 per ton of 20 cwt, 10 days.

British bark *Palestine*, 598, Bangkok to Hongkong, (inside the Bar) 35 cents per picul, (outside the Bar) 30 cents per picul, 35 days.

British 3-m. schooner *Viscount Macduff*, 229, Whampoa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 62 1/2 cents per picul, 30 days.

German brig *Carl*, 215, Whampoa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 62 1/2 cents per picul, 30 days.

British steamer *Mecca*, 687, Saigon to Hongkong, 28 cents per picul, 7 day days.

British steamer *Flintshire*, 1243, Saigon to Hongkong, 27 1/2 cents per picul, 12 day days.

French steamer *Francois L.*, 1131, hence to Saigon and back, 27 1/2 cents per picul.

British steamer *Columbian*, 1417, Swatow to Singapore (Passengers), \$8 per head, 12 day days.

British steamer *Benarty*, 1750, hence to Foochow with original cargo of Rice, \$6,000 in full.

British steamer *Flintshire*, 1243, hence to Amoy with original cargo of Rice, 10 cents per picul.

British steamer *Montgomeryshire*, 1146, hence to Amoy with original cargo of Rice, 10 cents per picul.

German bark *Anna*, 447, hence to Quinhon (Cochin-China) and back, \$3,000 in full, 30 day days.

German schooner *San Francisco*, 250, Monthly Charter, 6 to 9 months, \$1,000 per month.

Messrs DEACON & Co.'s Canton Market Report, dated Canton, 9th April, says:—

Since the date of our last report, a few further settlements of New Season's Congou have been made, amounting to about 2,000 boxes; prices have ranged from Tls. 21 to 30, and are fully as high as at the opening of the market. Shipments from this and Macao now amount to nearly 8,000 boxes.

The crop, on further acquaintance, proves to be a poor one, and but slightly better than that of last season, which, it will be remembered, was exceptionally bad; the tea for the most part much mixed with leaf and thin in cup, and the proportion of fine tea is very small. The weather in the country during the early part of the past fortnight was very unfavorable, and to this may be attributed, in a great measure, the inferiority of the tea; latterly the weather has improved and it is said that supplies, to come to hand shortly, will be of better quality. Arrivals have reached us very sparingly, and it would appear that the first crop is likely to be short.

Scented Tea.—The only business reported in old season's tea is the settlement of 900 boxes Scented Capar at Tls. 20, and a few boxes of Scented Orange Pekoe.

Small quantities of Capar and Pekoe leaf have come to hand from the country, and one team has been found sanguine enough to purchase a few bales of old and new Capar leaf mixed, at Tls. 18 1/2.

The shipments of New Season's Congou to date are:

8th March, S. S. *Tigre*, 6,701 lbs.
22nd " " *Anadyr*, 56,048
30th " " *Nestor*, 44,170
8th April " *Peiho*, 71,702

Total 178,619 lbs.

Shipments to this date last season were 97,877 lbs.

In addition to the above figures the following shipments of old season's tea have been made:—

22nd March, S. S. *Anadyr*, 56,048 lbs. Country Congou.
8th March, S. S. *Nestor*, 1,930 lbs. S. O. Pekoe, 1,880 lbs. Sorts.
8th March, S. S. *Peiho*, 866 lbs. S. O. Pekoe, 19,330 lbs. S. Capar.

In order to keep the export of each season as distinct as possible, these figures will not

be included in our next tabular statement of export.

STOCKS.—Transactions for the fortnight are again of a trivial nature, 100 bales Tatloe of Nos. 3 and 4 classifications are about all that are said to have changed hands. A decline of \$20 a \$30 per picul has been established for market No. 4, but the below quotations for fine and medium descriptions, must, in the absence of settlements, be looked upon as nominal.

Long-reels have been taken to a small extent, say 20 piculs, for the Bombay market.

Reels.—Contracts are reported of 60 boxes, at a further decline of about \$20 per picul. There are some 300 to 400 boxes yet to be delivered from old contracts, and these with an available stock of about 250 boxes will close our season's supply.

Waste Silk.—There is nothing to say on this subject.

Stock is computed at 500 to 600 bales Tatloe, 50 bales Cumchuck and Lucklow, and 100 bales of inferior kinds.

Latest accounts of the New Season's yield is very favorable, and the weather thus far as all that can be desired; our rainy season has, however, not yet set in, and the critical period for the worm is not yet passed. Samples of the new staple may be looked for in six weeks.

QUOTATIONS.

Tatloe	.....	Curlo	.....	None.
"	.....	No. 1	.....	\$510
"	.....	"	.....	2, 475
"	.....	"	.....	3, 445
"	.....	"	.....	4, 415
Cumchuck & Lucklow	.....	"	.....	450
Re-reel Cumchuck, Best	.....	No. 1	.....	\$555
"	.....	"	.....	2, 525
"	.....	"	.....	3, 515
"	.....	"	.....	4, 485
Cote-own	.....	"	.....	None.
Waste Silk	.....	No. 1	.....	\$5
"	.....	"	.....	2, 75
Cocoons Pierced	.....	"	.....	\$5

SETTLEMENTS FOR THE FORTNIGHT.

1876-77	1875-76
For Europe	85 bales. — bks.
United States	60 bks. — bks.
do, Re-reels	20 pls. — pls.
Bombay	20 pls. — pls.

EXPORT FOR SEASONS, TO DATE.

1876-77	1875-76
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For Europe	15,698 bales, 12,900 bks.
United States
do, Re-reels	6,440 boxes, 5,682 boxes.
Bombay	1,542 piculs, 5020 pls

INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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JAS. B. DOUGHERTY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Agents Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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THE Underwritten, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

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Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

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THE Underwritten are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of \$50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
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Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Underwritten, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of \$10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 6, 1876.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

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Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwritten Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of \$10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of \$15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, January 3, 1876.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Underwritten have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

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STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
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ranean Ports, Southampton
and London;
Also,
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and
Australia.

THE PANAMA AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
K H I V A, Captain LEE, will leave
this on THURSDAY, the 12th April, at
Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, April 2, 1877. ap12

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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF
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Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY,
the 14th April, 1877, at 3 P.M., taking
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.

Through Passengers Tickets and Bills
of Lading are issued for transportation to
Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San
Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and
South America, and to New York and
Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsui Bishi S. S. Com-
pany will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea
Ports, about same date, and make close
connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection
of various lines of Steamers to England,
France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m., 13th April. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For security's sake, Shippers of Overland
Cargo are requested to endorse on the
Envelopes the Marks and Nos. of Packages
Shipped, to correspond with those in their
Bills of Lading.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 16, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, March 21, 1877. ap14

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PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
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patched for San Francisco via Yoko-
hama, on TUESDAY, the 1st May,
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers
for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 30th Inst. Parcel Packages
will be received at the Office until 5 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6
months are issued at a reduction of 20 per
cent. on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
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G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, April 8, 1877. mp1

Intimations.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING IN THE
Chinese Mail.

TWO cents a character for the first 100
characters, and one cent a character
beyond the first 100, for first insertion, and
half price for repetitions during the first
week. Subsequent weeks' insertions will
be charged only one half the amount of the
first week's charge. Advertisements for
half a year and longer will be allowed a
deduction of 25 per cent on the total amount,
and contracts for more favourable terms
can be made.

Efforts have been made to establish
Agents for circulating the Chinese Mail in all
the ports and in the interior of China, at
the ports in Japan, in Saigon, Singapore,
Penang, Calcutta, Batavia, Manila, the
Philippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru
and other places which Chinese frequent.

When the list of Agencies is completed,
it will be published. Agents have been
already established in most of the above
places, and in important ports more than
one agent has been appointed at each.

CHUN AYIN,
Manager.

Hongkong, February 23, 1874.

INTIMATIONS.

W. BAILL,
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Hongkong, July 18, 1876.

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day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese
Mail will be issued DAILY instead of tri-
weekly as heretofore. No change, how-
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China Mail Office, 2, Wyndham Street,
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CHUN AYIN,
Manager.

Hongkong, February 23, 1874.

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Luen Hing Street; Kwong Tin Fat Shop, Yan
Tsal Street; Mr. Sit Chuen Fan, Tung Wen
Kwai; Yuen Fong Shop; in front of the
Provincial Treasurer's Yamen; How Yuen
Shop, Small Market Street, New City; Yee
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Heng Shop, Sin Chong, Honam.

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Loong Hong.

Anioy.—Chun Cheong Hong, Mook Kik
Street.

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chow Arsenal; Mr. Lum Kwok Ching, Mar-
itime Customs.

Shanghai.—Mr. Ng Ching Shun, Mar-
itime Customs; Mr. Ho Yue Chuen, Mar-
itime Customs; Mr. Chuen Sing Hoi, Messrs
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Hankow.—Yee Hing Hong.

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Japan.—Mr. Leong Chun Tong, Muni-
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Saigon.—Wohang Hong.

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Penang.—Yow Wing Fong; Argus Office.

Calcutta.—Mow Sing Company.

San Francisco.—Kwong Fooking Tai Hong.

The above are some of the Agencies;
others will be published, when they are
arranged for. Negotiations are in progress
with the express carriers who carry the
official despatches and Peking Gazette, to
circulate the Chinese Mail in the interior of
China.

Hongkong, March 10, 1874.

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HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, April 7, 1877.
At 1110 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

Butcher Meat.

Bacon, English, lb. 450 400
" Ama Sugar cured, 300 250
" Foochow, 160 140
Beef, sirloin and prime cut, cy. 160 150
Beef Corned, catty 150 140
" Roast, 150 140
" Soup, 90 80
" Steak, 150 140
Bullocks' Brains, per set 60 50
" Tongue, fresh, each 275 250
" " corned, 320 300
" Head, 600 600
" Heart, 150 140
" Feet, 50 40
" Kidneys, 80 50
" Tail, 100 90
" Liver, catty 80 60
" Tripe (undressed), catty 50 40
Calves' Head and Feet, set 600 400
Hams, American, lb. 300 280
" Chinese, 180 170
" English, 380 340
Mutton Chop, 180 170
" Leg, 180 170
" Shoulder, 180 120
" Ribs, 180 120
Pigs' Chittlings, catty 60 50
" Feet, 100 90
" Fry, 110 100
" Head, 80 80
" Hoar, each 60 50
" Kidneys, 80 70
" Liver, lb. 100 80
Pork Chop, catty 150 140
" Corned, 130 120
" Log, 180 140
" Fat or Lard, 110 100
Sheep's Head and Feet, set 340 320
" Heart, each 50 40
" Kidneys, 80 70
Sucking Pig, catty 1750 1000
Veal, catty 140 120

Poultry.

Capon, catty 220 200
Duck, catty 180 120
Eggs, Hen, doz. 100 —
" Duck, 100 —
" Salt, 120 —
Fowls, catty 180 160
Geese, 120 110
Partridges, each 380 300
Pheasants, Canton, live, pair \$2.00 —
Pigeons, each 180 150
Quail, 100 80
Rabbits, 800 500
Salp, each 120 110
Teal, 850 250
Turkeys, Cook, catty 700 650
" Hen, 450 400
Wild Duck, each 450 400

Fish.

Bombay Ducks, new per hundred 380 300
Bream, catty 100 80
Carp, 80 70
Codfish, Salt, lb. 150 —
Crabs, catty 180 120
Cuttle Fish, 80 70
Dace, 100 90
Eels, Congor, 80 60
File Fish, 60 50
Fresh Fish, Large 180 120
" Small, 80 80
Frogs, 250 250
Garoupe, 250 240
Herrings, 70 60
" smoked, box \$1.00 —
Live Fish, catty 140 120
Lobsters, 80 70
Mackerel, 60 40
Mango Fish, 180 —
Mullet, 100 80
Oysters, 140 130
Parrot Fish, 140 130
Perch, 80 70
Pointed, 160 140
Prawns, 160 130
Ray, 160 140
Rock Fish, 180 120
Salmon, Canton, 80 70
Salt Fish, 120 100
Shark, young 70 60
Shrimps, 70 60
Skate, 80 80
Snappers, 120 110
Snipe Fish, 90 —
Sole, Fresh, 120 100
Tench, 80 70
Turbot, Small 400 380
White Salt, 60 40

Vegetables.

Asparagus, 450 400
Bamboo Shoots, catty 100 80
Beans, sprout, 20 24
" Broad, 80 70
" French, from Meaco, 70 50
Beet Root, catty 12 10
Brussels, catty 12 10
Cabbage, White Canton, 30 25
" Common, 10 8
" Hongkong, each 70 80
" Macao, 70 80
" Turnip, Bohl each 10 8
" red for pickling, 80 50
Carrots, Salt, catty 20 —
Celery, Fresh, catty 20 20
Cauliflower, catty 20 20

Fruits.

Alouettes, catty 80 60
Apples, Dried, 500 400
" Californian, 250 180
Bananas, fragrant Fruit, 40 30
Chestnuts, new, 100 —
Coconuts, each 50 40
Currants, lb. 300 180
Dates, bottle 500 400
Figs, Dried, 500 400
Ground Nuts, catty 40 30
Guavas, 60 —
Lemons, 120 100
Lichens, Dried,